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In re Patent Application of:  
Kevin D. Beaty et al.

Application No.: 10/763,445

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Art Unit: 3681

For: HYBRID POWERTRAIN SYSTEM  
INCLUDING SMOOTH SHIFTING  
AUTOMATED TRANSMISSION

Examiner: R. L. Pang

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11-14, 16-20, 22-28, 30, 31, 33, 35, 37-39, 41, 49-59, 61-66; with claims 7, 8, 34 and 60 objected to, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.